

Remarks

Claims 6-16, 19, 20 and 79 are pending. Claim 79 is new. Claim 20 has been amended. Claim 18 has been cancelled. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner did not appear to indicate whether the amendments filed in Applicant's response of May 27, 2008 were entered (see Section 7). For purposes of this paper, Applicant has assumed that the amendments presented in Applicant's response of May 27, 2008 were entered.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner states:

claim 18 was simply amended when the Office Action explicitly states that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (emphasis added). Applicant is respectfully requested to address this matter.

In accordance with the Examiner's request, new claim 79 is an independent claim that includes all the limitations of claim 18, claim 6 (the base claim as recited at the time of the Final Office Action, with amendments to address the Examiner's objections based on informalities stated in the Final Office Action), and intervening claim 16. Applicant has cancelled claim 18. Dependent claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 79 instead of claim 18 (now cancelled). Applicant respectfully submits that claims 79 and 20, as well as the other pending claims, are in condition for allowance. With respect to claims 6-16, 19, and 20, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner to the remarks filed with Applicant's response of May 27, 2008.

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time to file this response. If any additional extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5053-31401/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris D. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Thompson" clearly distinguishable.

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